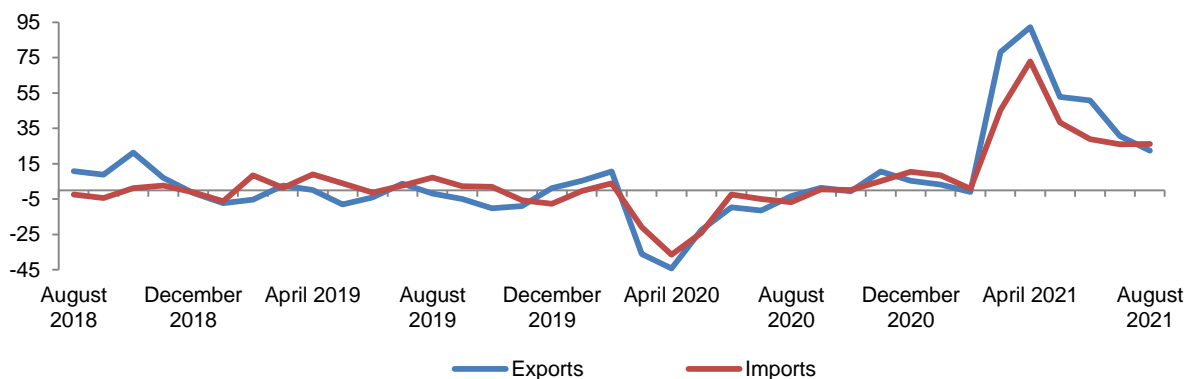


Foreign Trade in Goods

August 2021

Tirana, September 17, 2021: On August 2021 the value of exports was ALL 24 billion, increasing by 22.5 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 26.0 % compared with July 2021. During August 2021, exports increased by 18.9 % compared with monthly average for August period 2018-2020. The value of imports was ALL 61 billion, increasing by 26.2 % compared with the same period of previous year and decreasing by 15.0 % compared with July 2021. On August 2021, imports increased by 23.2 % compared with monthly average for August period 2018-2020. This month the trade deficit is ALL 37 billion, increasing by 28.8 % compared with August 2020 and decreasing by 6.0 % compared with July 2021. On August 2021, trade deficit increased by 26.2 % compared with monthly average for August period 2018-2020.

Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)



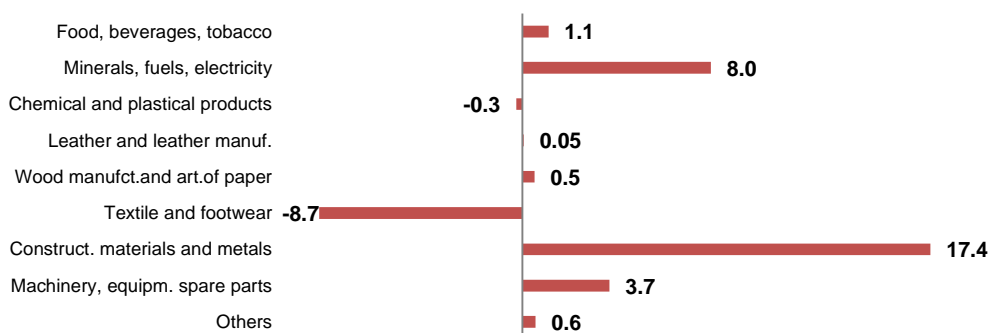
In the first eight months of 2021, the value of exports was ALL 232 billion, increasing by 37.3 %, compared with previous year and the value of imports was ALL 487 billion, increasing by 29.3 % compared with previous year. Trade deficit was ALL 254 billion, increasing by 22.8 % compared with the same period of 2020.

The influence of the main groups in the annual change in exports:

In annual increase of exports by 22.5 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +17.4 percentage point, "Mineral, fuels, electricity" with +8.0 percentage point, and "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +3.7 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Textile and footwear" with -8.7 percentage point.

In annual increase of exports by 18.9 % this month, compared with the monthly average for August period 2018-2020, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Construction materials and metals" with +15.8 percentage point, , "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +3.9 percentage point and "Mineral, fuels, electricity" with +2.3 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Textile and footwear" with -5.4 percentage point.

Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports August 2021



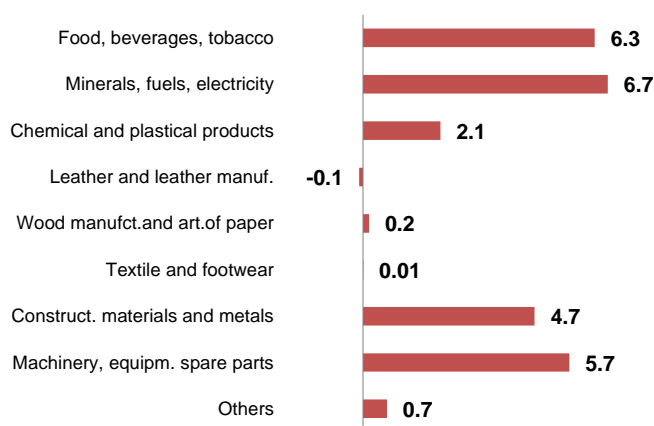
Exports during the first eight months of 2021 are increased by 37.3 % compared with the same period of previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of exports are: "Construction materials and metals" with +14.2 percentage point, "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +11.8 percentage point and "Textile and footwear" with +3.8 percentage point.

The influence of the main groups in the annual change in imports:

In annual increase of imports by 26.2 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: "Minerals, fuels, electricity" with +6.7 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +6.3 percentage point, "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +5.7 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Leather and leather manufactures" with -0.1 percentage point.

In annual increase of imports by 23.2% this month, compared with the monthly average for August period 2018-2020, has mainly affected the groups: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +5.6 percentage point, "Food, beverages, tobacco" with +5.1 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +4.5 percentage point. While a negative contribution was given by the group: "Leather and leather manufactures" with -0.11 percentage point.

Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports , August 2021



In the first eight months of 2021, imports are increased by 29.3 % compared with the same period of previous year. The groups affected positivity in annual increase of imports, are: "Machinery, equipment spare parts" with +8.5 percentage point, "Construction materials and metals" with +4.8 percentage point, "Chemical and plastical products" with +4.1 percentage point.

The performance of trade in goods by partner countries

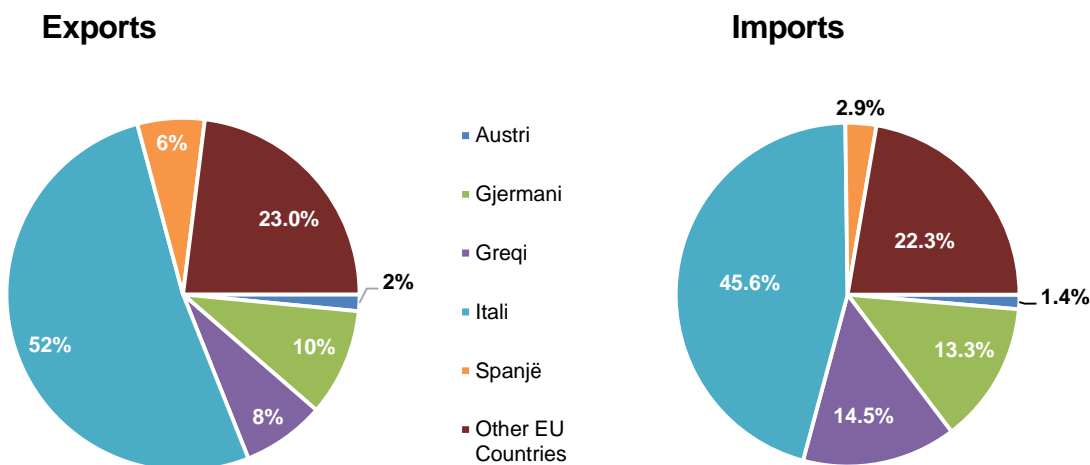
In August 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to August 2020 are: Kosovo (46.1 %) Germany (23.8 %) and Macedonia (61.5 %). While, country with which has had a decrease of exports is: Italy (7.5 %) and Spain (13.4 %).

In the first eight months of 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (24.9 %), Kosovo (55.3 %) and Spain (35.0 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Ukraine (28.5 %) and Russia (36.5 %).

In August 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to August 2020 are: Italy (9.2 %), Turkey (47.5 %) and Germany (50.1 %). While countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Russia (6.9 %), USA (27.8 %) and Switzerland (26.8 %).

In the first eight months of 2021, countries with which Albania has had the highest increase of imports, compared to the same period of 2020 are: Italy (31.4 %), Turkey (48.2 %) and China (27.3 %). While, countries with which has had a decrease of imports are: Russia (8.4 %), Switzerland (25.6 %) and Ukraine (15.8 %).

Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries August 2021



Trade with the EU countries is 55.1 % of total trade. In August 2021, exports to EU countries occupied 64.7 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 51.3 % of total import. The main trade partners remain: Italy (23.7 %), Turkey (9.3 %), Germany (8.2 %) and China (7.0 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in the first eight months of 2021 is 60.7 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 71.9 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 55.4 % of total import. The main trade partners are: Italy (30.3 %), Turkey (8.0 %), Greece (6.9 %) and Germany (6.8 %).

Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)

Years	Months	Exports (mld lekë)	Annual Change (%)	Imports (mld lekë)	Annual Change (%)	Trade Balance	Percentage of cover (%)
2000		37	-23.5	157	-1.5	-120	23.6
2001		44	19.1	190	21.0	-146	23.2
2002		47	7.7	210	10.6	-163	22.6
2003		54	14.7	226	7.4	-172	24.1
2004		62	14.0	236	4.5	-174	26.3
2005		66	6.0	262	11.1	-196	25.1
2006		77	17.6	299	14.1	-222	25.9
2007		97	25.5	376	25.8	-279	25.8
2008		113	15.8	440	16.9	-327	25.6
2009		105	-7.2	429	-2.5	-324	24.4
2010		162	54.6	478	11.4	-316	33.8
2011		197	21.9	544	13.9	-347	36.2
2012		213	8.2	528	-2.9	-315	40.3
2013		246	15.7	517	-2.1	-271	47.6
2014		256	3.8	552	6.7	-296	46.3
2015		243	-4.9	545	-1.4	-302	44.7
2016		243	0.1	579	6.4	-336	42.0
2017		273	12.1	626	8.1	-353	43.6
2018		310	13.7	641	2.4	-331	48.4
2019		299	-3.8	649	1.2	-350	46.0
2020		272	-9.0	605	-6.8	-333	44.9
2018	08 - 18	20	10.8	48	-2.3	-28	42.4
	January– August 18	205	16.2	416	4.1	-211	49.4
2019	08 - 19	20	-1.8	52	7.1	-32	38.8
	January– August 19	200	-2.5	429	3.2	-229	46.6
2020	08 - 20	19	-3.4	48	-6.7	-29	40.2
	January – August 20	169	-15.4	376	-12.3	-207	45.0
2021	08 - 21	24	22.5	61	26.2	-37	39.0
	Januar– August 21	232	37.3	487	29.3	-254	47.8

Tab.2 Foreign trade in goods by partner countries (million ALL)

	Exports				Imports			
	August 2020	August 2021	Jan.-August 2020	Jan.-August 2021	August 2020	August 2021	Jan.-August 2020	Jan.-August 2021
EU countries	14,142	15,368	127,347	167,047	26,567	31,248	216,131	269,564
Austria	112	234	944	1,595	589	753	3,575	4,434
Germany	1,221	1,512	10,658	12,799	3,594	5,396	28,619	36,155
Greece	992	1,165	7,933	13,220	3,733	3,862	33,820	36,557
Italy	8,612	7,962	77,484	96,791	11,042	12,054	92,144	121,043
Spain	1,091	945	11,083	14,961	978	1,133	6,197	7,329
Croatia	50	154	1,067	1,821	557	689	4,292	5,070
Others of EU	2,063	3,395	18,177	25,859	6,074	7,362	47,483	58,977
United Kingdom	18	88	471	506	483	421	3,344	4,047
China	238	1,158	3,200	5,287	4,569	4,785	33,119	42,172
Kosovo	2,205	3,222	15,191	23,589	707	968	5,131	7,649
North Macedonia	724	1,170	5,291	8,051	705	1,128	5,694	6,824
Russia	7	-	13	8	987	919	9,904	9,071
USA	361	228	1,996	2,990	949	685	5,924	10,873
Turkey	344	340	1,669	3,955	5,076	7,486	36,027	53,401
Ukraine	23	22	312	223	315	290	2,849	2,398
Switzerland	57	153	518	1,670	848	621	7,021	5,220
Others	1,281	2,007	13,338	19,153	7,001	12,303	51,170	75,422
Total	19,399	23,756	169,346	232,479	48,207	60,855	376,313	486,642

Tab. 3 Foreign trade by group of goods (million ALL)

Group of goods	Exports				Imports			
	August 2020	August 2021	Jan.-August 2020	Jan.-August 2021	August 2020	August 2021	Jan.-August 2020	Jan.-August 2021
Total	19,399	23,756	169,346	232,479	48,207	60,855	376,313	486,642
Food. beverages. tobacco	2,721	2,937	24,613	28,237	9,486	12,545	73,021	82,516
Minerals. fuels. electricity	2,827	4,388	24,825	44,761	4,651	7,883	33,709	46,776
Chemical and plastical products	757	705	4,774	6,585	7,334	8,355	57,587	73,022
Leather and leather manuf.	92	101	1,321	1,582	817	765	8,080	9,291
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	637	737	5,329	5,728	2,164	2,243	15,088	17,376
Textile and footwear	7,517	5,834	65,628	72,103	5,250	5,253	45,270	55,692
Construct. materials and metals	2,976	6,354	24,219	48,295	6,011	8,277	50,511	68,594
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	1,154	1,875	13,334	18,293	10,340	13,064	78,675	110,703
Others	717	825	5,303	6,895	2,154	2,469	14,372	22,672

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Tab. 4 Progressive data of exports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Spain		Greece	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Total	77,484	96,791	15,191	23,589	11,083	14,961	7,933	13,220
Food. beverages. tobacco	5,701	6,903	2,560	3,052	813	1,004	1,895	2,399
Minerals. fuels. electricity	805	1,130	2,446	5,496	9,473	13,453	527	4,287
Chemical and plastical products	1,264	1,789	1,374	2,008	73	19	355	494
Leather and leather manuf.	1,140	1,115	4	11	71	2	10	10
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	3,142	3,756	510	567	3	61	873	867
Textile and footwear	49,143	56,411	71	121	505	313	3,264	3,356
Construct. materials and metals	7,584	13,487	6,673	10,364	98	94	747	1,393
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	6,579	9,061	500	979	26	11	33	66
Others	2,126	3,139	1,052	991	20	2	230	348

Tab. 5 Progressive data of imports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL)

Group of goods	Italy		Turkey		China		Greece	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Total	92,144	121,043	36,027	53,401	33,119	42,172	33,820	36,557
Food. beverages. tobacco	12,755	15,679	3,608	4,612	488	649	10,679	10,800
Minerals. fuels. electricity	3,162	7,573	2,765	3,690	4	10	5,832	5,095
Chemical and plastical products	11,956	15,063	5,439	7,249	3,625	6,137	4,995	6,004
Leather and leather manuf.	6,530	7,531	157	259	368	475	22	23
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	3,748	3,958	1,846	2,201	539	480	2,304	2,608
Textile and footwear	20,296	26,124	9,305	11,559	5,922	7,341	2,316	2,110
Construct. materials and metals	10,824	15,727	6,651	13,545	4,350	3,516	4,883	6,502
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	19,754	25,063	4,858	7,008	14,467	19,535	1,874	2,198
Others	3,120	4,326	1,398	3,279	3,356	4,030	915	1,216

Methodology

Foreign Trade of Goods is a periodical publication that presents the trade of Albanian goods with other countries of the world. The data processed by INSTAT for this publication are provided administratively which are obtained from the General Directorate of Customs.

Definitions:

Exports are goods destined to a third country, placed under customs export or outward processing arrangements or re-exported following inward processing.

The FOB (free on board) value of exports of goods is the value of the goods at the exporter's customs frontier.

Imports are goods arrived from a third country and are directly placed, or are left in warehouse, under customs procedure of release for free circulation, inward processing or processing under customs control.

The cost, insurance and freight (CIF) price is the price of a good delivered at the frontier of the importing country, or the price of a service delivered to resident, before the payment of any import duties or other taxes on imports or trade and transport margins within the country.

Combined Nomenclature (CN) is a goods nomenclature used by international trade in goods statistics and for customs tariffs.

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Monthly revisions

The data made available for the last month have an effect also on the revision of the previous months, because with the arrival of data for the last month there are also updated data for previous months as a result of administrative resource updates.

Explanation of Symbols

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